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DISSEMINATION CONTROL ABBREVIATIONS

NOFORN-	Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals
NOCONTRACT-	Not Releasable to Contractors or Contractor/Consultants
PROPIN-	Caution-Proprietary Information Involved
ORCON-	Dissemination and Extraction of Information Controlled by Originator
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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

09 JUN 1980

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your request, enclosed are lists of published unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence which have occurred during the past six months. They are divided into SIGINT, IMAGERY and HUMINT categories. In some cases, the media revelations included material from more than one category of source. (C)

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Overall, the publication of unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence undermine the system created to protect intelligence sources and methods by making it obvious that security can be violated regularly and with impunity. Those who have conscientiously adhered to the rules are becoming demoralized. The prospect is that unauthorized disclosures will increase in number and severity as a result of this unprecedented breakdown. (C)

The attention of the HPSCI to this grave problem is appreciated. The restoration of the integrity of classified intelligence will require a concerted effort by all of those concerned with providing the US Government with secure, accurate, useful information about the capabilities and intentions of our adversaries. (C)

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

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Enclosures:

Lists of published unauthorized disclosures - SIGINT, IMAGERY and HUMINT

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